

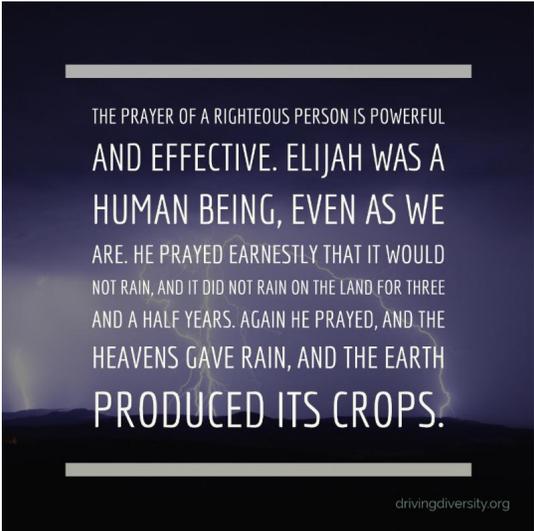
DRIVING DIVERSITY PRAYER GUIDE

"...on earth as in heaven..."

We're Back

Yes, it's been a year since we've sent out a diversity intercession guide. Why? Just too much going on. The Lehmanns moved for their second time in a year and had to raise their missionary support full time. Now that their budget is raised and Kristin Jenson has once again joined their team, we're back.

The last year has been filled with divisive issues that have crept into the church, threatening its unity. Our intercession is just as needed as ever, maybe even more. The tragedy of Charlottesville was one such event. Read about how the U of Virginia Chi Alpha group responded in "They Came with Torches- A Charlottesville Story". The Confederate flag seems to be at the center of lots of controversies these days. We've provided "Five Biblical Thoughts on the Confederate Flag" to help you navigate these issues. Our last featured blog post is a simple review of what it means to truly welcome everyone.



THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL
AND EFFECTIVE. ELIJAH WAS A
HUMAN BEING, EVEN AS WE
ARE. HE PRAYED EARNESTLY THAT IT WOULD
NOT RAIN, AND IT DID NOT RAIN ON THE LAND FOR THREE
AND A HALF YEARS. AGAIN HE PRAYED, AND THE
HEAVENS GAVE RAIN, AND THE EARTH
PRODUCED ITS CROPS.

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Please do continue to pray for the church as it continues to be affected by the division in our country. Pray that we will find a place between the extremes that is Jesus-honoring, kingdom-centered, and loving of our neighbor. Pray for wisdom for our leaders inside the church and out. Pray also for God's people to rise up as agents of healing and transformation. Lastly, pray for this month's HBCU prayer target, Virginia Union University.

Thanks for praying for our Father's kingdom to come and his will to be done.

HBCU Prayer Target: Virginia Union University

Update (from Marcus Floyd, Missionary Associate):

Richmond Chi Alpha is in its second year at VUU and God is doing incredible things within the community. Recognizing what God did in their own lives last year, returning VUU students in Chi Alpha are taking ownership with their faith in Christ.

Students are co-leading bible study and stepping into leadership roles. It is wonderful to see how the small group is also building a culture of invitation. Guys are always inviting and sharing about Chi Alpha and how it has impacted their lives. In these conversations they are encouraging their friends and classmates to check out Jesus and the community for themselves.

At fall retreat, we had an increase in VUU student's attendance. Out of 62 Richmond Chi Alpha students in attendance, 5 were from Virginia Union, a huge jump from just one last year! At the retreat the sermon on the rich young ruler really impacted their hearts over the weekend. Two VUU students made the decision to follow Jesus. As the group continues to meet, pray, and read scripture together, they are continuing to look to what God will do in their lives as they follow Jesus, and invite their friends to experience his love and be in relationship with him.



Prayer Points

1) Please pray that the Lord will guide the hearts of the students who have recently gave their lives to Jesus, that their faith would grow in maturity.

2) We are in the middle of the process of bring an official student organization at Virginia Union. Please pray that we would find favor with the university as our students submit the official student organization form this month.

3) Pray for the Lord to use Chi Alpha to reach more student lives on campus.

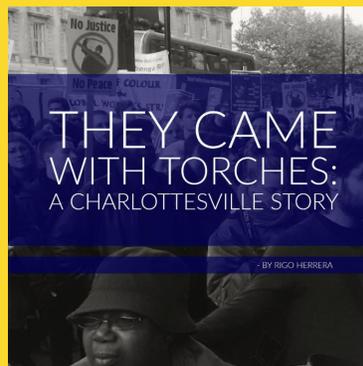
Thank you so much for your prayers!

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New Blog Posts



A Biblical response for believers to recent controversies surrounding the confederate flag, urging us embrace simple truths, value others above yourself, and boast in the Lord.



The great story of how the UVA Chi Alpha group responded to the events in Charlottesville with conversation and attentive ears.



There is a difference between welcoming everyone and making the effort to make sure people actually feel welcomed and "at home".

Thank you for interceding!

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